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News worth sharing



Adopt-a-thon for furry friends

More than 100 dogs, cats, ferrets and bunnies were available for potential adopters to meet during the multi-rescue adopt-a-thon event hosted by BowDog in southeast Calgary yesterday.

Getting her voice back

Former singer proves it's never too late to start again {page 18}

Gulf still funds militants: Docs

Leaked U.S. cables show U.S. frustration with Saudis {page 6}

City's bars shaken as debate stirred

▶ Proposal would allow bars to remain open past 3 a.m.
▶ Establishments would still be required to stop serving liquor at 2 a.m.
▶ Discussion set for this Thursday



Calgary police have invited local bar owners to attend a discussion this Thursday about the possibility of extending closing hours at licensed premises around the city.

However, not everyone is on board with the proposal.

Cyre Bilawchuk, the senior assistant at Moxie's Classic Grill on 17th Avenue SW, said the proposal has definitely stirred up some criticism amongst the restaurant's employees.

"A few of my servers that I was talking to about it said they would definitely get out of the service industry altogether if this was enforced," Bilawchuk said, adding she doesn't think the proposal will do a great deal to curb unruly behaviour.

Rich Becker, the nighttime and brunch manager at nearby 1410 World Bier Haus, agreed, saying the proposal would increase overhead costs.

"Really, all it would be doing is cutting into our profitability, taking money out of everyone's pockets," he said.

Police Staff Sgt. Quinn Jacques said the proposal would simply increase local

Council update

City council will hear an update today from the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services about improving the interface with licenced premises in town.

40,000

The capacity of licensed drinking establishments in Calgary's downtown core alone is estimated to be about 40,000 people.

establishments' accountability to the surrounding community.

surrounding community.

"Really, the bars sell alcohol, then they kind of slap their hands, lock the door and leave it for us to deal with," Largues said

Jacques said.

Ald. Druh Farrell said the proposal would help reduce safety risks involved with people crowding outside of establishments.

"There is a recognition that certain bars create very significant problems with emergency services and at great cost to Calgarians," she said.







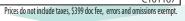
















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Vote could be a sign of safety

▶ Pilot project would cost around \$10K: Official ▶ Number on signs could be relayed to 911 centre



Emergency responders may soon have a more accurate way of locating callers throughout Calgary as city council gets set to vote on a new pilot project.

Council will vote today on a pilot project that would put signage throughout Fish Creek Provincial Park, along Elbow River and in the city centre.

"One of the things we have the most challenge with at times is determining where someone is calling from, particularly when they're away from their homes," said manager of public safety communications

Steve Dongworth.

Ald. Gael MacLeod, who sits on the Community and Protective Services committee, said she would

Trial run

- If approved, the signs would be in place by April 2011.
- The pilot project would run until October 2011.
- After that time, PSC will assess whether or not the signs helped to improve emergency locating.

support the initiative.

"It's a small investment with the potential for significant social and human benefits," she said. As someone who uses

As someone who uses the park three to four times a week, Carol Lloyd said she doesn't feel comfortable walking alone.

"These pathways, especially at this time of year, can be quite lonely and so you're not guaranteed to see anyone."

Lloyd said the signage would help her to feel more secure.



Students lobby to weigh in on fees

Representatives of Alberta's university students are lobbying the provincial government to ensure they have a say in additional fees.

Hardave Birk, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students as well as VP external of the University of Calgary Students' Union, said they have been fighting against a \$450 fee for the past six months.

Along with the University of Alberta, the U of C has approved a non-instructional fee of \$450, to be phased

in over three years.

"These fees are essentially a way for institutions right now to break the tuition cap," said Birk. "We're trying to get these fees regulated essentially in a way where the students will have the final say on

whether these new fees go forward or not."

Birk said the Council of Alberta University Students, along with the Alberta Students' Executive Council and Alberta Graduate Council met with the province last week "(Minister Doug Horner of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology) thinks we're on the right track so we look forward to working with him in the new year to see what we can do about getting this regulation in place." • KATIE TURNER

Deadline to bark about off-leash parks coming

Calgarians looking to have a say in the future of the city's off-leash dog parks have until Wednesday to submit their feedback.

The city has an area management plan in place based on public input from 2008 and 2009.

A copy of the draft management plan and feedback form can be found at

150 The number of Off-leash areas operated by the City of Calgary.

www.calgary.ca/offleash.

Input submitted will be used to create a second draft, to be presented to the Community and Protective Services committee on Jan. 5, 2011. ©METRO



News in brief

New lease on oldest Legion

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion No. 1 Branch celebrated a new 50-year lease granted by the city yesterday.

The new agreement will go into effect at the beginning 2018, and will cost Calgary's oldest legion \$1 per year. The No. 1 branch currently has more than 850 members. • METRO

Former leader suggests new election laws

Former Alberta Liberal leader Kevin Taft has called on the province to adopt new election laws that would prevent voting irregularities.

Taft's comments come after the Alberta Court of Appeal decided to uphold his right to seek court opinion on whether his charter rights were violated during the 2008 provincial election.

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After being diagnosed with terminal cancer, a woman fulfills her dream of being a truck driver. Video at metronews.ca.





hit hard by effects of climate change. INGLEWOOD

Police investigating shooting

Police have no suspects in an early morning shooting that took place yesterday in Inglewood. Shortly after 2 a.m., police responded to a call of gunshots being fired near 9th Avenue and 12th Street outside a karaoke bar.

Once on scene, officers saw two vehicles speeding away and stopped them in the Ogden area. A man in his early 20s was located in one of the vehicles with a gunshot wound to his leg and signs of a head injury.

He remains in hospital in serious but stable condition.

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MLA Sherman hires lawyer

A member of the Alberta legislature who was booted from the government caucus for publicly criticizing the state of health care is rattling a legal sabre.

Dr. Raj Sherman says he is angry with what he calls a smear campaign against him and has hired lawyer Brian Beresh over statements made by some members of Alberta's medical community. The head of the Alberta Medical Association has already apologized for asking colleagues to "look out" for Sherman's well-being, who is also an emergency room physician. Sherman contends it's an attempt to discredit him as mentally unstable. Beresh told a pro-medicare rally in Edmonton Saturday that he has already written letters asking for apologies over what he says were defamatory statements.

"Dr. Sherman believes he became the subject of a whisper campaign, and then a public campaign to 150
Approximately 150 rallied at the Alberta legislature in Edmonton Saturday for improvement to the health-care system.

destroy his good reputation ... attack the messenger because the message is too uncomfortable," Beresh said.
"As a result of what has

"As a result of what has occurred to Dr. Sherman, I will immediately commence an investigation into the events of the last 30 days to determine if there has been a conspiracy against my client."

The rally where Sherman and Beresh appeared was organized by Friends of Medicare and many of the speakers, which included federal health critic Ujjal Dosanjh, expressed opposition to changes to the Alberta Health Act.

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Giving pets a shot at a good home



It's a feline frenzy!

Those seeking a new feline companion can still take part in the city's Feline Frenzy initiative.

Running until Dec. 12, the program allows cats over one year in age at the Animal Services Centre to be adopted as well as spayed/neutered, microchipped, licensed, de-wormed, vaccinated and examined for \$75.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/animalservices

Adopt-a-thon draws people looking for dogs, cats, ferrets and rabbits



Pet lovers of all ages crowded into a southeast building yesterday to visit with more than 100 pets seeking new homes.

BowDog, a local canine specialist group, hosted nine animal rescue organizations and their furry friends for the multi-rescue adopt-a-thon event. Representatives were on hand to assist attendees and introduce some of the pets in need of a little love and care.

"This time of year is really challenging for all of the rescue groups," said BowDog owner Hailey Seidel

"Some foster homes have seven or eight dogs or puppies or litters and they're trying to get (pets) off the streets when it's really cold. So, they're faced with higher medical bills, because the ones they rescue have frostbite and higher medical bills."

Seidel recommended potential adopters try their hand at part-time foster parenting first to find a pet that suits their lifestyle and make sure they're ready for the commitment. Individuals attending yes-

ent in chatr auto-pay program. Bonus will be paid out in 6 installments of \$10 to the chatr account. Offer expires January 4, 2011

Inquiries

Adoption needs are not specific to dogs and cats, as ferrets and bunnies were also on hand for yesterday's event.

To offer assistance with

To offer assistance with pet foster care or to make an adoption inquiry, visit bowdog.ca or call 403-452-6996.

terday's event were welcomed to offer whatever time they could to assist with foster care for the event.

However, others like Natalie Burkholder, who brought the whole family along, were on the hunt for a new canine companion to adopt.

"It's great," she said, noticing her five-year-old son Roan's eagerness to see the animals.

"He's really excited to see the cats," she added with a laugh.

John Paterson, who also attended the adopt-a-thon, said the social benefits for pets and owners alike made the event worthwhile.

"This is my very first one," he said. "It's a learning experience for all of us."



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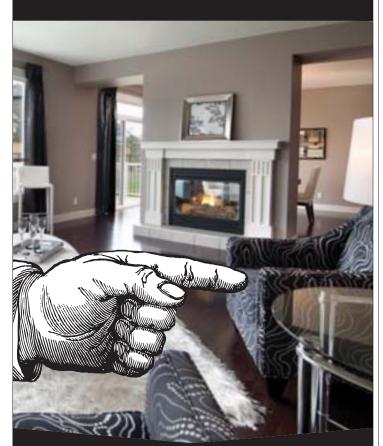












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Saudis lax on terror cash: Docs

▶ Leaks say Taliban gets more funding from Gulf donors than drug trade ◆ Officials sluggish in cracking down

WIKI LEAKS



Saudi Arabia has made "important progress" in aggressively trying to curtail the flow of funds to terrorist groups, but the oil rich kingdom and its Gulf Arab neighbours still remain major sources of financing for militant movements like al-Qaida and the Taliban, according to leaked U.S. government documents.

The findings, detailed in a series of internal U.S. diplomatic cables spanning a period of several years, paint a stark picture of Washington's challenges in convincing key allies of the need to clamp down on terror funding, much of which is believed to stem from private donors in those nations.

But the cables, obtained and released by WikiLeaks, also offer a window into the delicate



balancing act Gulf governments must perform in cracking down on extremist sympathizers while not running afoul of religious charitable duties and casting themselves as U.S. stooges before an increasingly skeptical populace.

"While the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) takes seriously the threat of terrorism within Saudi Arabia, it has been an ongoing challenge to persuade Saudi officials to treat terrorist financing emanating from Saudi Arabia as a strategic priority," reads a December 2009 memo from Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The cable said that while the kingdom has begun to "make important progress on this front, ... donors in Saudi Arabia constitute the most significant source of funding to Sunni terrorist groups worldwide."

Saudi Arabia, the homeland of most of the Sept. 11 hijackers, has repeatedly come under fire from the U.S. for its sluggish response to cracking down on terror financing. It has also been criticized for its reluctance to confront the fiery rhetoric espoused by some of its hardline clerics which is seen as either directly or indirectly fueling extremism.

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Trading sleigh for board

As part of the 11th annual Santa Sunday at Sunday River in Newry, Maine, participants get free lift tickets if they wear Santa hats, jackets, pants and beards and donated \$10 or more to the Bethel Rotary Club's annual toy drive.

The final combat push?

NATO and Afghan forces are on the move in western Kandahar in what could be one of the last big pushes involving Canadian troops before the combat mission ends next summer.

A large combined assault group of Canadian, American and Afghan troops are headed into a longstanding Taliban redoubt, a restive area known as the Horn of Panjwaii.

The arid patch of farmland has been fought over for years; taken, retaken several times and abandoned as coalition forces struggled to hold the region with only a few thousand soldiers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Region's past

The region that the troops are pushing towards was the focus of a scorchedearth policy by the Soviets in the 1980s.

Thousands of families were forced to flee their homes, many never returned.



Returning home without her father

◆ Woman who saw father's killing in Honduras on way back to Canada ◆ Relative describes victim as vivacious, intelligent

A young woman who witnessed her father's murder onboard his boat in Central America returned home vesterday

Central Auge.
home yesterday.
Myda Egrmajer's
cousin Marian Hester said
the 24-year-old woman
was travelling from Belize
to her mother's home in
northern Ontario.

Other family members were gathering there to await her return, Hester said.

The small family and community are shaken, she said. "It's a little surreal."

Myda had been visiting

her father Milan on his boat in Honduras when they hit bad weather on Thursday and docked at a remote lagoon called El Diamante, which is known to boaters in the area as a place to overnight.

It's not clear what unfolded next, but Milan Egrmajer's body was found inside the boat by authorities on Friday.

Honduran authorities said his body had four bullet wounds to the chest and abdomen. Honduran media were reporting yesterday that Myda was hidden from view as four men stormed the boat and robbed her father at gunpoint.

But Hester said the story of how she escaped is Myda's story alone to tell.

"She is a fighter, obviously," said Hester. "So is Milan."

On a website where he was chronicling his trip, Milan said that to him, water was a magnet.

"It is this magnetism that has spurned this sailing adventure," he wrote.

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CYCLISTS KILLED

Speeding car kills 8 cyclists

A speeding car plowed head-on into a group of cyclists in southern Italy yesterday, killing eight of them, officials said. The driver had been smoking marijuana, police said. Bent, mangled bikes were strewn about the scene, and the sheet-draped corpses dotted the two-lane road near Lamezia Terme, in the Calabrian

toe of boot-shaped Italy where the accident occurred.

In addition to the eight cyclists killed, four people were injured: two cyclists and the driver and a young boy in the car with him, said Maria Dolores Rucci, commander of the road police in nearby Catanzaro. The ANSA news agency said the driver, who was only slightly injured, was placed under arrest on charges of multiple homicide. A police spokesman said the man, a Moroccan national, had tested positive for marijuana.

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Preventing another Air India

The Harper government says it will introduce a plan this week to ensure a tragedy like the 1985 Air India bombing never happens again. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney made the announcement yesterday at a ceremony in Montreal, where ground was broken on a memorial dedicated to the victims of the worst

terrorist attack in Canadi-

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Landmark Canadian space port proposed

Muslim astrophysicist wants facility completed by 2015 Has begun an international fundraising drive

Muhammad Institute for Space Science, dedicated to putting the Islamic world back at the forefront of scientific discovery, wants to build a space-launch facility in Canada.

Redouane Al Fakir's goal has been to return Muslims to the place of pride they held, centuries ago, as world leaders in

> \$500M^{Al}Fakir says if would cost \$500 million to complete the space port while also developing a Canadian rocket launcher.

astronomy. But the Vancouver astrophysicist wants all Canadians to be involved in his project. His proposed commercial space port would be the first of its kind in this country.

"It's becoming more and more untenable, in my opinion, that Canada has no launching capabilities," Al Fakir said in an interview.

Last month the astronomer at the University of British Columbia, used a public forum to kick off his plan for Space Launch Canada — a landmark facility he dreams of building off the coast of

Rocket dreams

Scientists, academics and players in the Canadian space industry have often lamented the absence of rocket-launching facilities in our country.

The issue came up repeatedly at the recent annual conference of the Canadian Space Society in Ottawa.

British Columbia.

Its goal would be to launch missions into Earth's orbit and to other solar-system destinations like the moon. Mars and beyond. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Calgary chocolatier starting over

baut please stand up?

Famed-but-failed gary chocolatier Bernard Callebaut, the man, is attempting to rebuild his once-proud empire with a new sweets company starting this week. His chief competitor is Bernard Callebaut, the company he founded 27 years ago.

His stores, his recipes and the rights to his name are no longer his he went into receivership earlier

his skills, pedigree and reputation to craft a new run. "It's kind of strange but

ultimately I'm focused on the new. I'm beyond that," Callebaut, a native Belgian said in an interview with The Canadian Press last

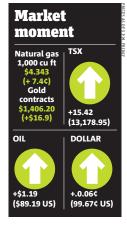
"I don't lose my night's sleep over it. When I come awake it's always thinking what can I do with the new company better than I did before." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sweet ambition

Callebaut's wife said it will be important to capitalize on the fact that Callebaut is recognized, especially in Alberta.

- You can expect to see Callebaut's pictures on the new product line.
- Callebaut intends to have a small quantity of product ready in time for Christmas.



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A WORLD WITHOUT THE COLOUR PURPLE



This summer, while walking around Kensington, I bumped into Naheed Nenshi, who was in early stages of his campaign for mayor.

remember at the time. I was wearing my favourite purple sweater. He remarked that it was great to see me in "his colour" and jokingly thanked me for the support. I laughed it off not knowing that that would be the last time I could ever wear the colour without someone assuming I was a supporter of Nen-

Just over a month into his reign as mayor, I still can't go anywhere in purple without someone asking me if I'm a Nenshi fan. Could I just stop wearing purple? Sure. But ever since a

Holt Renfrew employee told me that I looked good in purple while standing in line at McDonalds. I'm too

scared to wear anything but. (Yeah, I was shocked he was at McDonalds, too.)

With a wardrobe packed with plumcoloured shirts, ties, sweaters and even boxers, what am I supposed to do? What if Barb Higgins had won? Would I never be able to eat Corn

Flakes? And since I've been told for years that I don't look good in blue, part of me wishes that

McIver had taken the whole thing - that way I could wear my purple and mauve styles

without prejudice.

The only comfort I've found is knowing that I'm not the only one feeling the stress of having to go violet-free. While I've never seen The Color Purple, I think I can assume that it's about people trying to break free from a world where they can't wear

purple. In the scenes I've seen, I think that's why everyone is always crying. Which makes sense

 I've shed more than enough tears knowing that I won't be able to wear some of my favourite articles of clothing, without hearing Nenshi's name.

By all accounts, I don't remember our new mayor ever even asking if he could claim ownership over such a popular and trendy colour. Couldn't he be like Jack Layton and choose orange? I mean, really, who looks good in orange? The same could be said for Elizabeth May and her obsession with all things green. She happily chose the colour, and neither her nor her choice of hue have bothered any of us ever since.

While Nenshi should be applauded for all the things he's been able to do since becoming our mayor, I have to ask: If I can't look good for the next three years, what's the point?

Cartoon



Spending with confidence



We asked: Do you think the economic stimulus plan is working?

TORONTO. I think the stimulus plan is working because people are spending more money than last year for Christmas. The strong currency shows recovery from the recession and it makes people spend with confidence. KAZUKO MATAKE

TORONTO. I think the economic stimulus plan is working. Though the Canadian unemployment rate rose, it's going down compared to the past, according to data. YUKI MIZUBAYASHI

Signs of the times

"Couldn't he be like

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TORONTO. According to research, Canada has been doing well and the unemployment rate is decreasing. As we can see from the TSX or unemployment rate, the economy is doing well

SEUNGGO CHOI

MEXICO CITY. I think it is working because the unemployment rate is

decreasing every month compared to other years, so I think this is happening as a result of all the stimulus that the government is providing. The only thing that I would like to know is the exact statistics on how much the stimulus spending specifically is increasing economic activity. ARIADNA SOLIS

Has WikiLeaks impacted your view of politics? **Email** calgaryletters @metronews.ca Twitter @metrocalgary

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Metro Minute at a memorial event

The University of Calgary will host a memorial ceremony today to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Twenty-one years ago to the day, 14 women at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal were murdered in an act of gender-based violence. The tragic event has become the basis of

recognizing and supporting action against violence committed against women.

Inside the Rozsa Centre today, candles will be lit in honour of the women, and guest speakers will include university officials and members of local advocacy groups. The event is scheduled to begin at noon and is free to attend.







Law & Order



Academy Awardwinner Jeremy Irons is dropping into Law & Order: Special Victims Unit to guest star as a sex therapist. A spokeswoman for the NBC crime drama said Friday that Irons character runs a sex addiction clinic in the filmed later this month. It's set to air in early 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Saluting the troops

Perry reigns as VH1 Divas pay homage to U.S. service men and women

Katy Perry loves a man in a uniform.

The pop superstar met dozens of service members while working on the special VH1 Divas Salute the Troops this weekend near San Diego.

"There was a kid who I met backstage who was rather chatty, but adorable," Perry recalled. "He was really sweet. He was 19. He had such a good heart. He said, 'Yes, ma'am' to me. 'Yes ma'am' to me. 'Yes ma'am!' I was like, 'OK!

A VH1 publicist estimated an audience of 27,000 attended the nearly threehour taping of the concert Friday night at the Marine Corps Air Station in Mira-

The show, which aired last night, featured a bounty of what the network has dubbed divas female or female-lead musical acts, including established stars such as Heart. Paramore and Sugarland, as well as hot newcomers Grace Potter and The Nocturnals, Keri Hilson and Nicki Minaj. But if one diva emerged supreme, it was Perry, who both opened and closed the show, and performed solo or with others on a halfdozen songs - twice that of anyone else in the line-

up.
"I really had to live up to the definition of a 'diva' in all senses of the word," Perry joked.

"I really had to live up to the definition of a 'diva' in all senses of the word. So I had to be very difficult today, and late."

"So I had to be very difficult today, and late," she continued, adding that she was really neither.

Perry went on to reference Beyoncé's song Diva, then proceeded to lose the lyric

"Blaaah! Obviously I'm not Beyoncé," Perry laughed. "She is the true Perry

Onstage, Perry pulled out the stops — and the costumes — with the opening number featuring Perry, Hilson and Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles in WAC uniforms for a cover of The Andrews Sisters' '40s classic Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. Perry closed the show with her current smash Firework, which concluded, appropriately, with a fireworks display.

For that finale, Perry wore a cherry-red beaded gown with thigh-high slit that looked as if it was borrowed from Jessica Rab-bit's closet. "You know me, I love vintage," Perry ex-plained. "I love pin-up girls.'

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Happy couple

Perry, 26, and her new husband, actor Russell Brand, will be spending their first holiday season together as husband and wife.

- Quoted: "What do I want for Christmas? Well, I think what is appropriate now is, I hope the troops come home very safely," Perry replied.
- Her message to troops: "Keep your Skype and your iChat on because I know some of them are away from all their family and wives. I can understand that feeling every once in awhile because I am on the battlefield myself, but I am just singing pop songs."

Musicians get hacked

Two young German computer hackers allegedly stole pop songs from Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake, Ke\$ha and Kelly Clarkson, selling them online and forcing the advanced release of several singles, officials said Friday.

18-year-old school student from Duisburg, and his alleged accomplice, a 23-year-old unemployed man from Wesel, are under investigation for using a Trojan Horse to hack into the artists' computers for computers about 12 months before being discovered, Duisburg chief prosecutor Rolf Haferkamp told The Associated Press.

During that time, they earned more than \$13,240 in illegal sales of tracks acquired from the stars' computers. Haferkamp would not comment on specific songs that were stolen.

According to local media reports, the two hackers had attached a Trojan virus to an MP3 file that was then sent to the official addresses of the stars, their managers and their record companies. It is also alleged the hackers downloaded a sexually compromising photo of one artist and used it to blackmail her. Haferkamp would not comment on which artist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Accident cancels Bieber appearance

Contestant injured on popular German TV show

Canadian teen idol Justin Bieber missed an appearance on one of Germany's top rated television shows as it was cut short by a stunt that went terribly wrong.

Broadcaster ZDF said the live broadcast of Wetten Dass (Bet it...?) game show had to be cancelled Saturday after contestant Samuel Koch was severely injured while trying to jump over a moving car driven by his father with the help of special shoes featuring a suspension system.

The 16-year-old Bieber later said on his Twitter account: "Please pray for Samuel Koch & his family as we wait and hope for his health and safety." The singer added on Twitter he felt sorry for not performing in Germany, but "some things are more important



than putting on a show. We will be back I promise."

Wetten Dass, which has been on TV for almost 30 years, is one of the country's most successful shows.

The 23-year-old Koch

suffered multiple back injuries and fractures, underwent surgery Sunday, and his condition was no longer life threatening, according to Duesseldorf hospital.

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Film Eclipses Slade

Master of the disturbing drama takes a lighter turn with Twilight



British director David Slade has two brooding thrillers under his belt in Hard Candy and 30 Days Of Night that never would have suggested his next feature would be the latest entry in the bubblegum teen romance series Twilight.

For Slade, Eclipse was such a gear change from his previous work that he couldn't resist.

"It's not very often that someone is going to offer a romantic fantasy to a di-

Director's dish

David Slade on gently mocking Twilight with Eclipse

"I think having written the first two movies Melissa Rosenberg felt at this point that she had the liberty to poke fun at certain things in the franchise and I applauded it. The actors did too. Nobody was offended. The series has matured enough for everyone to have a good laugh at the fact that Taylor doesn't have a shirt on or whatever it may be. There were certain other things that I felt we could make fun of, but we never really



rector who has done a thriller in which a woman takes revenge on a pedophile and another in which literal monsters take nihilism to a social order," Slade told Metro. "I had to take it because

"I had to take it because doing different things is how we learn and grow. But yeah, it's an odd one. I wouldn't have hired me."

Though Slade embraced the lovingly cheesy romance that has turned teenage girls and, mysteriously, middle-aged women into giggling Twilight devotees, the director was also the first to follow through on the horror aspects of the series that involves vampires and werewolves in addition to shirtless romantic pining.

"The horror aspects were all there in the script and I just followed through on them with my instincts," explained Slade. "If anything the producers actually started saying, maybe you should take this a bit further,' but I wasn't making Hard Candy. I was definitely making Eclipse. It was all about tone and tension. We thought we were better served by that rather than

having people ripped in half."

The filmmaker may have added a dark edge to Eclipse that fans appreciated, but Slade is quick to acknowledge that the overall strength of the film still lies in the source material.

"The thing is that the story is great so there was-n't really any need to deviate that much from it anyways," admitted Slade. "In terms of dialing up the tension and improving the aesthetic of the special effects, any director coming in would have done the same."



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No plans to tie the knot: Depp

• Actor doesn't foresee marriage for him and Vanessa Paradis, partner of 12 years Dut he says he would do the ceremony if she wanted

After 12 years together and having two children, Johnny Depp says he and Vanessa Paradis are still perfectly happy and have no plans to tie the knot.

I never found myself needing that piece of paper," he tells Extra.

"Marriage is really from soul to soul, heart to heart. You don't need somebody to say, 'OK, you're married."

And while he says he'd do the ceremony at the drop of a hat if Paradis wanted, he'd be too "scared of ruining her last name. She's got such a good last name."



More audio drama for Britney



Ex-husband claims to have audio recording of pop singer talking about drug use • Spears is already battling reports about an earlier recording of Jason Alexander's

Britney Spears' ex-husband Jason Alexander has another audio recording that purports to feature the pop singer talking about smoking marijuana, according to Radar Online.

'You know I got the best pot in California if you really want to smoke,"

Spears reportedly tells Alexander on the record-

Spears is already fighting reports about an earlier recording of Alexander's that he says features Spears admitting current boyfriend Jason Trawick is abusive. OMETRO

Celebrity Twitter 'deaths' get lukewarm reception

Alicia Keys' bid to have notable Twitter users like Lady Gaga, Ryan Seacrest and Kim Kardashian "die" to raise money and awareness for World AIDS Day hasn't worked out as according hoped. to Hollyscoop.

The celebrities vowed to go silent on the social-networking site until \$1 million had been raised for Keys' charity, Keep a Child Alive, but by the end of the week they'd reportedly only raised a little more than \$200,000. metro





Sarah Jessica Parker on getting older

Sarah Jessica Parker admits that getting older isn't easy, but she's trying to take it as gracefully as

"I don't know what I can do about the aging," she tells Elle magazine.

"Yes, I am aging. Oh my God, I'm aging all the time

"It's like those flowers that wilt in front of you in time-lapse films. But what can I possibly do? Look like a lunatic?" • METRO

Celebrity tweets



Steve Martin [@Steve MartinToGo] I am splitting

up with Eva Longoria.



Harris [@Actually NPH1 Liust got a call from the People's

Choice people. I'm in dead last place. Fewer vote than the movie Salt...



Joel McHale [@joel mchale] Although he

has yet to join Twitter, you can still contact Chevy Chase via the Ellsworth County



Hilton [Aparis hilton] Love the Life You

Olivier Martinez in hot water over alleged photog dust-up

Halle Berry's new man, Olivier Martinez. apparently has something of a temper, as a photographer filed a police report against him accusing the actor of backing into his car and threatening to hurt him, according to E!

The incident reportedly happened outside a West Hollywood restaurant, after which Berry and Martinez went to lunch at a different spot where he was questioned by a sheriff's deputy. • metro

Transformers star reportedly booted off airplane

Josh Duhamel was reportedly escorted off a plane in New York over the weekend when he refused to turn off his BlackBerry before takeoff, according to TMZ.

A passenger from the flight says the Transformers star was "very rude" and "taunting the attendant" who asked him to co-operate.

The plane had to return to the gate so airline representatives could remove him. Duhamel's reps say, "He's sorry." • metro

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lion shoes; takes aim at combating diseases • A youngster's eager pleas for the trendiest toys this time of year might be best followed by the question, 'What about others?'



Help them give a gift that **Reeps giving**this holiday season



This holiday season many families are taking part in charitable gift giving to countries in need. Whether it's donating an animal to another family on the other side of the world to provide food or for breeding, or materials that might help to fund an education for a child, the act is not only helpful to the one who receives it, but to who gives it as well. The holidays serve as the perfect time to teach children the importance of giving

"Our kids learn from what we do, so a lot of it is just modeling it and making it part of our family culture," says Alyson Shafer, a parenting expert, author and host of The Parenting Show.

Shafer suggests that par-

"Our kids learn from what we do, so a lot of it is making it part of our family culture." PARENTING EXPERT ALYSON SHAFER ON GIVING BACK

ents might also introduce the gift of giving if they're worrying about their children's selfishness. "When kids are saying 'I want a Wii! I want a Nintendo! I want a bike!' Parents might like to say, 'What

A helping hand

Plan's Gifts of Hope

- Plan, a global organization that funds schools and sponsors children among other things, is in its fifth year of the Gifts of Hope program, which is available through mail order catalogue or on planganda ca
- Their most popular gift so far this year is goats. You can donate a goat for \$75, which will grow up to give a family milk, which in turn can eventually become a business, espe-

cially if the goat breeds.

You can also donate mango trees, clean water, boxes of books, other animals, blankets for newborn babies and more.

Free the Children

Free The Children offers charitable options through its Adopt a Village development model that leave the world a slightly better place. For example, the average cost of a sweater (\$50) can buy a goat for a family in need or cover antibiotics for a sick child in a developing nation.

about others?"

Shafer donates to charities in her children's names every year, looking for something fun and easy for them to understand. Last year, she donated chickens, and a card under her Christmas tree was enough to make her children happy for the cause. Shafer also asks that she has a gift donated in her name from them.

If you're looking to engage your family in charitable gift giving this month, there are plenty of outlets.

Free the Children, Canada's Most Meaningful Gifts, Gifts That Matter, Unicef, Heifer, Oxfam and Plan Canada are some that offer animals, healthcare, education and shelter. More targeted organizations include WaterCan's Gifts of Water, the David Suzuki Foundation and World Wildlife Fund.

Plan Canada did a sur-

vey of 1,000 Canadians in October and November, finding that 89 per cent of those participants believe that it's important for children to learn to help others and 59 per cent use the holidays as a time to acknowledge such.

"When you think about the ethical giving side, giving a gift that has a story behind it has a narrative that connects us with somebody on the other side of the planet in a meaningful way," says Rosemary McCarney, CEO and president of Plan Canada.

"I think that those are great opportunities for parents and children to have a very different conversation... It allows for much richer conversation about poverty and inequalities and social justice than you can have if you're talking about another pair of slippers or a hockey stick."

Not fast, but very easy

This simple pulled pork recipe has just three ingredients

This dish started as a threeingredient slow cooker recipe. And I completely messed it up.

I'd read another recipe that called for combining pork butt, a bottle of cola and a bottle of barbecue sauce in the slow cooker, then walking away.

Seemed interesting, though the cola idea made me want to gag (and yes, I know lots of people cook with cola).

I tried it, substituting a bottle of hard cider for the cola. It was great, except that after six hours in the slow cooker the sauce was still way too liquidy. I ended up dumping the whole thing into a saucepan and boiling it until the sauce was reduced and thick.

That made me wonder why I bothered with the slow cooker at all. Why not just do the whole thing on the stovetop? It would be much faster, there would be less cleanup and it

would solve my liquid is-

To make this new approach work, I needed to change the cut of pork, but (country-style) boneless ribs worked just fine. And to make a meal of it, I tried the resulting quick-cook cider-barbecue pulled pork over mashed potatoes. It was amazing. Best yet, it was incredibly simple.

Though this recipe calls for hard cider (sold alongbeer), sweet cider could be substituted. And while it isn't as quick as most weeknight recipes, it is almost entirely hands off.

Cider-Barbecue **Pulled** Pork Over Mashed Pota-

Preparation:

In a large saucepan over medium-high, combine ribs, cider and barbecue sauce. Stir well, then bring to a boil. Reduce

Ingredients:

Pulled Pork

- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless (coun-
- try-style) pork ribs • 500 ml (2 cups) hard cider
- 1 bottle (510 g/18 oz) bar-
- becue sauce

heat to maintain a

duced and thick

steady simmer. Cook for

1 hour to 1 1/4 hours or

until the pork is very ten-

der and the liquid is re-

After 45 minutes, place

and pepper. Cover and set aside.

Salt and ground black pep-

Mashed Potatoes

fresh parsley

per, to taste

• 1.15 kg (2 1/2 lb) russet

90 ml (6 tbsp) butter125 ml (1/2 cup) whole

• 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped

potatoes, peeled and quar-

Use 2 forks to shred and pull apart pork, mixing it with sauce. Serve pork over mashed potatoes.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 536 calories; 185 calories from fat (35 per cent of total calories); 21 g fat (11 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 144 mg cholesterol; 46 g carbohydrate; 37 g protein; 2 g fibre; 1,051 mg sodium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





potatoes in a medium saucepan. Add enough cold water to cover, then bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook until potatoes are tender. Drain potatoes and return to pot. Add

mash. Mix in parsley,

then season with salt

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Halt climate change | SOAP, NUTS? with your keyboard

• Computer gamers take on a new battle: saving Earth from climate change Fate of the World leaves 200 years to save or wreck the planet



In most video games, "saving the Earth" means fighting off an alien invasion. But Fate of the World, the upcoming ecoconscious game from UK developers Red Redemption, has other ideas.

In this new strategy game, players are given 200 years to stop severe global warming by any means, from alternative energy sources, making policy decisions to destroying countries.

Game director Matt Miles Griffiths warns of consequences: drastic "Computer gamers might think that wiping out the U.S. would solve some problems, but the loss of food production alone will send the world's economy into a tailspin.

And you run the risk of being tried as a war crimi-

Based on scientific data, the PC game - to be released February 2011 – shows how the world's economic, environmental and political problems are interlinked.

But it's not a dry textbook. Here are four crazy yet possible scenarios:



Melt the world

Microscopic nano-robots might be cute, but take care they don't replicate to make "red goo," which breaks down everything it touches at a molecular level, then spreads and spreads...

Relive The Termina-

"AI can lead to machines that despise humanity, Griffiths says. But there's a bright side: "Fusion-powered Terminators are actuquite environmentally friendly.

Freeze the Earth

"You can fire particles into the atmosphere to reduce the effect of the sun," explains creative director Ian Roberts. "But if you go too far you can create a new ice age.

Create a genetic disaster

"Genetic manipulation allows you to adapt plants or animals for survival," says Roberts.

"But you run the risk of creating terrible, incurable diseases.

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Question: What's the deal with soap nuts? I love that I can avoid plastic packaging by using them, but what are they actually made of? Are they natural and biodegradable? Or are they just condensed detergent? Julie from Calgary, Alberta

oap nuts are a natural. biodegradable and petroleumfree laundry soap alternative. They grow on trees in Nepal and In-

dia, but they're not nuts; they're actually a fruit. You might also see them sold as soapberries. The tree itself is from the genus Sapindus. (Think back to biology class.)

Soap nuts contain amounts large saponins in their shells, which are a natural surfactant. Surfactants are compounds that lower the surface tension of a liquid, and so can be used as detergents or foaming agents. You can find soap nuts in many

health food stores, organic grocers or online. All you do is add four or five of them, in a small cloth bag, to a load of dirty laundry. You can reuse that pouch of soap nuts for a few loads.

My favourite solution for eco-friendly laundry soap is making my own liquid version from borax, washing soda and soap granules.

See my recipe and complete do-it-yourself video at davidsuzuki.org. It only takes about 20 minutes to make a batch that will last you about a month and cost only a dollar a litre.

I prefer the liquid recipe to powdered versions because it works well in cold water, saving even more money on utility bills.

Another tip is to add about half a cup of baking soda to boost your whites instead of chlorine bleach.

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Red Redemption's predecessor to Fate of the World, this BBC-hosted game asks players to balance ecological pressures, financial realities and public popularity. Play it at www.goo.gl/mYILK

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U.S. schools can use this adapted version of the SimCity Societies video game to teach six- to 12-year-olds about alternative energy sources. No word on if kids can unleash SimCity's classic

MORE ECO-FRIENDLY GAMES

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Ford's EcoGuide screens add a gaming element to real-life driving: the more efficient you are with energy, the more healthy the digitized vines on your display become.



FLOWER

Is climate change stressing you out? Flower might be the answer. This supremely relaxing PS3 game lets you take control of the wind itself as it blows petals through a verdant landscape.





Don't axe office party

Experts say companies should honour staff at holidays, not cancel festivities Despite tough times, parties are important for staff morale

The Royal Family may be toasting the impending nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton, but it's decidedly less festive for Buckingham Palace staffers heading into the holidays.

The Queen decided to cancel the annual Christmas fete because of "difficult financial circumstances" facing the nation.

It's been a similar story for some companies on this side of the Atlantic that either scaled back or axed holiday parties in recent years.

Pam McCarthy, owner of Calgary-based Five Star Events, said those who cancelled their parties in 2009 either aren't having one this year or are forging ahead on a smaller scale.

'Instead of having a fullblown party, they'll have a cocktail hour after work just for the staff only, that kind of thing," she said. "They'll bring in hors d'oeuvres and not have a big dinner for the staff plus the guests.'

Tiff Daniels is director of sales with Canadian Outback Adventures & Events in Vancouver. The company designs and produces team-building initiatives and experiential learning events.

Daniels recalled that in 2008, some companies cancelled events even though they'd paid in full because



they were part of a larger organization that didn't want one division having a party while others hadn't booked anything — and now couldn't have one.

Things have turned around since then, but celebrations aren't quite as lavish.

In the past, a national company may have flown in people from satellite of-fices. Daniels said that now, to save money on flights and hotels, businesses will host smaller celebrations or meetings in each major city centre.

"I think people realize after not doing any teambuilding events, or meetings or incentives for a good year or so, that that was affecting morale at various companies, and they realized that this was important to the productivity of their staff."

Although the country is no longer in the grip of a recession, it hasn't been an easy year for some companies, and hiring isn't back to what it was, said Workopolis content manager Peter Harris.

"A lot of companies are still feeling like now is not the time to throw a big, lavish party, but it is important for employee morale that something does happen. That's my theory.

A recent online poll conducted by Workopolis between Nov. 26 and Dec. 1 asked respondents whether it was important to them that their company hold a holiday party. Among more than 2,400 people, 71 per cent thought it was important or somewhat important that businesses hold a festive event

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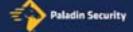
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In 2003, Renee found herself at another cross-roads in life.

After a long illness, her husband had passed away and her sons were now starting families of their own. "Whatever happened to your voice?" someone asked her. "You never did anything with it."

The next day Renee stepped into the shower and as the water coursed "I have a vision to inspire the world with my voice and my story."

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down her face, she began to sing.

Renee sang of lost love and of life and family. She started to cry. Her voice had not let her down; it had been there all along, just waiting for her to bring it back to life.

Renee made a triumphant return to the stage. "When I finished, the whole audience stood up and many were yelling, 'Bravo.'" Renee now has a new purpose in life.

"I have a big vision to inspire the world with my voice and my story. If I can reach people who have given up, I want to tell them to step back into it with everything they've got. Just go out there and do it. It doesn't matter what age you are."

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Gay teens bullied at school: Study

David Jason was in Grade 4 when the bullying began. His self-described femi-

His self-described feminine mannerisms and "high, squeaky" voice attracted the attention of his classmates who began to ask him why he was gay.

By Grade 6, those classmates had graduated to hurling homophobic slurs, with "faggot" being the most common.

The next two years saw Jason's enthusiasm for academics wane under the stress of the escalating verbal taunts and occasional physical harassment from his peers.

He transferred to a school well outside his Toronto neighbourhood in the hope of getting a fresh start, but encountered only new tormentors and staff who turned a blind eye when he was heckled or shoved into lockers.

When a vice-principal urged him to transfer to the Triangle Program, a Toron-



to high school catering solely to lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and transgendered youth, he was apathetic.

But the move proved a turning point for Jason, who credits the school for restoring his confidence and helping him accept his bisexuality.

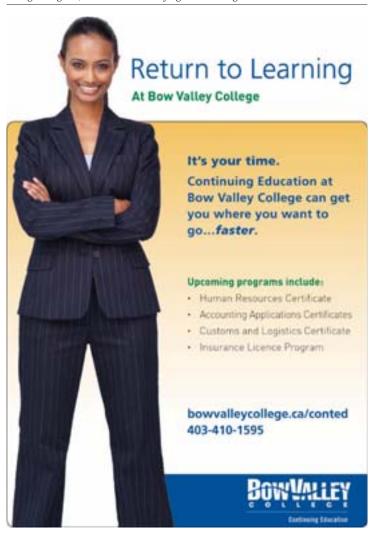
New research suggests Jason's experience is far from unique. A study from gay rights activist organization Egale Canada and the University of Winnipeg found gay and straight students alike witnessed similar bullying in their high

schools on a daily basis.

The study, which surveyed 3,600 secondary school students across Canada, found nearly half of respondents reported hearing homophobic slurs on a daily basis.

Of the 14 per cent of students who identified as LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or queer), two-thirds said they did not feel safe in their school environment and 51 per cent said they had been verbally harassed over their sexual orientation.

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Golf news

U.S. Open champion

capped off his great-

est year by putting

together the greatest comeback ever against Tiger Woods

in the Chevron

World Challenge

Woods, pictured, looked as though he

would recover from

lead yesterday when

losing a four-shot

three feet on the

18th hole, but McDowell knocked

in a 20-foot birdie

putt that forced a

ell again made a

feet. This time. Woods couldn't

birdie putt from 20

match him. His 15foot birdie putt slid

by on the right, and

Woods ended a cal-

endar year without winning.
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he stuffed his approach to inside

Graeme McDowell

Kane-less Hawks still douse Flames

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injury at the start of contest • Iginla scores for Calgary in losing cause





FLAMES

Dave Bolland scored two power-play goals, and the Chicago Blackhawks overcame the loss of star forward Patrick Kane in the opening minute and beat the Calgary Flames 4-2 last

Bickell and Brvan Ionathan Toews also scored power-play goals for Chica-

Kane, the Blackhawks' leading scorer last season with 88 points, sustained an undisclosed lower body injury 46 seconds into the game and didn't return.

He spun and fell awkwardly along the right wing boards while trying to avoid a check by Flames defenceman Cory Sarich. Kane skated off the ice

with assistance and was escorted to Chicago's dressing

Jarome Iginla and Anton Babchuk scored on the power play for the Flames. Babchuk's goal was his first since joining Calgary in a trade from Carolina on Nov.

Return

Calgary RW Ales Kotalik played his first game of the season last night after missing 26 because of a knee injury.

Chicago rookie Corey Crawford started for the fourth time in five games and made 24 saves.

Calgary's Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 28 shots.

Chicago held a 3-2 lead after the first period, in which every goal was scored during a power play.

Bickell put the Black-hawks ahead 1-0 at 4:14 when his shot from the slot sailed over Kiprusoff's out-

stretched glove.
Bolland connected during a 5-on-3 advantage midway through the period to make it 2-0.

Standing at the left edge of the crease, Bolland redirected Toews' cross-ice feed into a wide-open net.

Iginla cut the Flames' deficit in half with 6:54 left when he ripped in a shot from between the circles with Matt Stajan screening Crawford.

Babchuk tied it 2-all with another screened goal just over three minutes later.

Toews batted in a loose puck from a goal-mouth scrum with 2:27 left in the first to restore Chicago's lead

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Amare, Knicks prove too much for Raptors

A slow start and a miserable shooting performance yesterday cost the Toronto Raptors dearly.

Stoudemire Amare scored 31 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as the New York Knicks cruised to a 116-99 victory over Toronto.

The Raptors missed layups, dunks and failed to hit open jumpers all after-

"I don't know what it

was," said Raptors forward Amir Johnson who had a career-best 16 rebounds and a season-best 22 points. "We were taking good shots but we just knock them couldn't down.'

Toronto hit only 50 per cent from the charity stripe (11-for-22) while the Knicks were 18-for-21 (85.7) per cent). They also hit 12of-27 three-point attempts. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sports in brief

Cowbovs WR Bryant fractures ankle

NFL. Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant fractured his right ankle during the fourth quarter of yesterday's game against the Indianapolis Colts.

The Cowboys confirmed the injury after Dallas' 38-35 overtime win. Bryant, a rookie from Oklahoma State, has 45 catches for 561 yards and six touchdowns this sea-SOn. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA will **buy Hornets**

NBA. New Orleans Hornets owner George Shinn has agreed to sell the club to the NBA and the transaction could be completed within a couple days, according to a person familiar with the decision.

The league has lined up New Orleans-born sports attorney Jac Sperling, vice chairman of the NHL's Minnesota Wild, to be the NBA's administrator of the team and oversee its sale to a more permanent owner.

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Brett Favre reacts after being injured

Held back by injury?

•Favre's football fate for his 298th game unsure after shoulder sprain

Brett Favre has become something of a medical expert through the years, a quarterback who has minored in pain management as he has put together a streak of consecutive starts that stands among the most impressive records in all of sports.
Yet even a 41-year-old

ho has played 20 seasons in the league still can learn something new, and Favre is now faced with a pain and an injury that he's

never felt before. Favre sprained the ster-noclavicular joint in his throwing shoulder after getting crunched by Bills linebacker Arthur Moats yesterday, an injury that leaves the Minnesota Vikings quarterback unsure of whether he will be able to start his 298th straight regular season game next week. the Vikings beat the Bills, 38-

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Werth's contract worth \$126 million US

Some general managers had just arrived at the winter meetings and some were not even at the winter meetings yet when the Washington Nationals made a startling announcement yesterday evening: They had agreed with right-fielder Jayson Werth on a US\$126 million, seven-year contract.

'I thought they were trying to reduce the deficit in Washington," new Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said. The 31-yearold Werth, who helped the

12 Werth's contract matched the 12thlargest among current players.

Phillies win the 2008 World Series title, hit .296 this year in his fourth and final season with Philadelphia. He had an NL-high 46 doubles, 27 homers and 85

His agreement was announced two days after the Nationals' cleanup hitter. Adam Dunn, left for a US\$56 million, four-year contract with the Chicago White Sox. "We took some light criticism about Adam Dunn leaving," Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said, speaking in the news conference room after the announcement.

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In the **Premier** League's top 6

Sunderland and West Bromwich Albion both kept in touch with the Premier League's top six sides yesterday, Sunderland beating West Ham 1-0 and the Baggies defeating Newcastle 3-1. Jordan Henderson scored his first goal for a year in the 34th minute to lift Sunderland into seventh place and push West Ham back to the bottom of the standings. West Bromwich Albion climbed to eighth after a goal by Somen Tchovi and two from Peter Odemwingie secured a first league win over Newcastle in 26 years. Sunderland trails sixthplace Bolton only on goal difference.

Arsenal moved into first place Saturday with a 2-1 win over Fulham after previous leader Manchester United's game at Blackpool was postponed because of a frozen pitch.

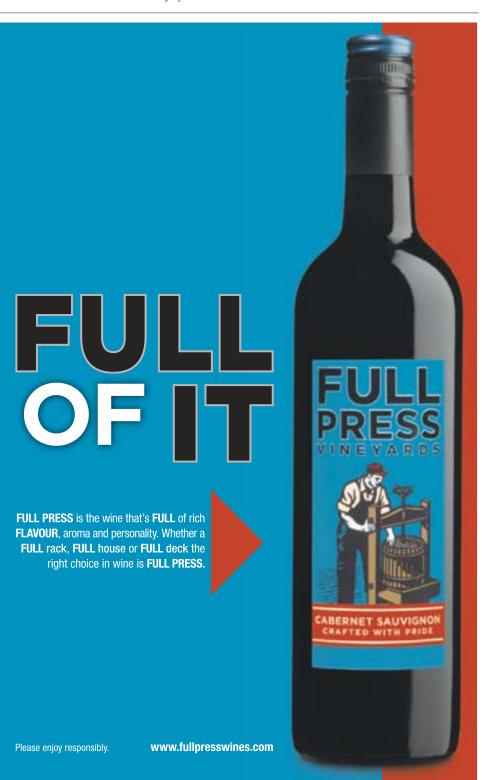
Henderson was picked as man of the match after he gave his side all three

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"I thought everything about today was good. We scored three great goals and we controlled the game for the majority of the time."

WEST BROW MANAGER ROBERTO DI MATTEO



EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GΑ	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strl
d-Pittsburgh	28	18	8	2	0	89	66	38	8-5-1-0	10-3-1-0	9-0-1-0	W9
d-Washington	28	18	8	1	1	92	74	38	12-2-0-1	6-6-1-0	5-4-0-1	L2
d-Montreal	27	17	8	2	0	71	53	36	10-4-2-0	7-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	W2
Philadelphia	28	17	7	2	2	95	69	38	10-5-0-1	7-2-2-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Tampa Bay	27	15	9	2	1	84	94	33	7-2-1-1	8-7-1-0	7-2-0-1	W1
NY Rangers	29	16	12	1	0	83	77	33	6-8-1-0	10-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Boston	25	14	8	0	3	72	50	31	5-5-0-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-0-2	L1
Atlanta	27	14	10	1	2	88	81	31	8-5-0-1	6-5-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Ottawa	28	12	14	1	1	61	81	26	7-7-0-1	5-7-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	26	11	12	0	3	75	84	25	6-5-0-1	5-7-0-2	3-4-0-3	L1
Buffalo	27	11	13	3	0	68	73	25	5-8-1-0	6-5-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Florida	25	11	14	0	0	64	66	22	5-5-0-0	6-9-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Toronto	25	9	12	2	2	54	72	22	7-5-2-1	2-7-0-1	4-5-1-0	W1
New Jersey	26	8	16	1	1	49	79	18	4-6-1-1	4-10-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	25	5	15	3	2	56	86	15	3-6-1-1	2-9-2-1	1-7-1-1	L3
WESTERN CON	NFE	REN	CE									

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	24	17	4	2	1	84	62	37	10-1-1-1	7-3-1-0	7-1-2-0	L1
d-Dallas	25	16	8	0	1	74	66	33	10-3-0-1	6-5-0-0	8-1-0-1	W6
d-Vancouver	25	14	8	1	2	80	64	31	8-3-0-1	6-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Chicago	29	15	12	1	1	90	84	32	7-8-0-0	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Phoenix	26	13	7	4	2	74	72	31	5-3-2-2	8-4-2-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	25	15	10	0	0	69	62	30	10-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	W2
St. Louis	26	13	9	2	2	67	72	30	8-2-0-1	5-7-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Columbus	25	14	10	0	1	67	69	29	6-7-0-1	8-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	L5
Nashville	25	12	8	3	2	63	65	29	5-1-3-2	7-7-0-0	5-3-0-2	W3
Colorado	26	13	10	3	0	91	82	29	7-4-1-0	5-6-2-0	4-4-2-0	L3
Anaheim	29	13	13	2	1	71	87	29	9-6-0-1	4-7-2-0	3-6-1-0	L2
San Jose	25	12	9	4	0	73	71	28	7-4-2-0	5-5-2-0	4-4-2-0	L1
Minnesota	26	11	11	1	3	63	76	26	7-6-0-2	4-5-1-1	3-5-1-1	L5
Edmonton	26	10	12	1	3	70	93	24	4-6-0-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W4
Calgary	27	11	14	1	1	74	82	24	6-6-0-0	5-8-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Vesterday's results
Philadelphia 3 N.Y. Islanders 2
Ottawa 3 N.Y. Rangers 1
Chicago 4 Calgary 2
Phoenix 3 Anaheim 0
St. Louis 3 Vancouver 2
Saturday's results
Gdmenton 2 St. Leuis 1 (OT) Edmonton 2 St. Louis 1 (OT) Montreal 3 San Jose 1 Toronto 3 Boston 2 (SO) Buffalo 1 Ottawa 0 (SO)

Florida 2 Phoenix 1 (SO) Los Angeles 3 Detroit 2 (OT) Nashville 5 Carolina 2 Philadelphia 5 New Jersey 3 Pittsburgh 7 Columbus 2 Tampa Bay 6 Colorado 5 Tonight's games (All times Eastern)

Florida 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m. Nashville at Atlanta, 7 p.m. Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m. San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta 3 Washington 1 Dallas 4 Minnesota 3 (OT) BLUES 3, CANUCKS 2

First Period

1. St. Louis, Steen 6 (D'Agostini, Berglund)

2. Vancouver, Hansen 2 (Tambellini, Ballard)

 Vancouver, Hansen 2 (Tambellini, Ballard)
 11:55
 Penalties — Colaiacovo StL (cross-checking, fighting), Ballard Vcr (fighting) 1:58, Burrows
 Vcr (hooking) 13:01, Della Rovere StL (goal-tender interference) 15:58, Bieksa Vcr (hooking) ing) 18:40.

Second Period
3. St. Louis, D'Agostini 7 (Brewer, Steen) 1:55

3. St. Louis, D'Agostini 7 (Brewer, Steen) 1:55
4. Vancouver, Bielsa 2 (D. Sedin) 7:05
Penalties — Bolduc Vcr (tripping) 3:04, Johnson Stl. (tripping) 5:00, D. Sedin Vcr (holding stick) 11:13, D'Agostini Stl. (goaltender interference) 17:49
Third Period
5. St. Louis, Steen 7, 6:11
Penalties — Backes Stl. (holding stick) 9:52, Samuelsson Vcr (high-sticking; served by Torres) 17:32

res) 17:32.

St. Louis 10 10 8 Vancouver 7 9 7 Goal — St. Louis: Halak (W,11-7-3); Vancouver: Luongo (L,11-8-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — St. Louis: 0-5; Vancouver: 0-5. **Att.** — 18,810 (18,810) at Vancouver.

BLACKHAWKS 4, FLAMES 2

1. Chicago, Bickell 5 (Campbell) 4:14 (pp)

2. Chicago, Bolland 2 (Toews, Seabrook) 10:21 (pp)
3. Calgary, Iginla 11 (Bourque, Bouwmeester)

4. Calgary, Babchuk 4 (Giordano, Morrison)

16:28 (pp)

5. Chicago, Toews 12 (Kopecky, Seabrook) 17:33 (pp)

Penalties — Regehr Cal (holding) 3:03. Kotalik Penatties — Regeht Cal (holding) 3:03, Kotalik Cal (delay of game) 9:27, Moss Cal (high-stick-ing) 10:08, Stalberg Chi (holding stick) 12:11, Morin Chi (bearding) 16:00, Moss Cal (double high-sticking) 16:49. Second Period No Scoring. Penatlies — Giordano Cal (tripping) 8:48, Stalos Cal (Monety Chi (clashing) 9:56, Payre-Stalos Cal (Monety Chi (clashing) 9:56, Payre-

Staios Cal, Kopecky Chi (slashing) 9:56, Boynton Chi (tripping) 13:43, Staios Cal, Dowell Chi (fighting) 16:33, Sharp Chi (hooking) 17:49.

6. Chicago, Bolland 3 (Seabrook, Keith) 19:45

(en-pp)
Penalties — Bourque Cal (tripping) 5:56, Gior-Penatics — Bourque Cal ((ripping) 5:36, Giordano Cal (delay of game) 8:28, Seabrook Chi (double high-sticking) 8:51, Bolland Chi (hold-ing) 14:22, Dowell Chi (slashing) 16:11, Bouwmeester Cal (hooking) 18:12.

Shots				
Calgary	8	8	10	26
Chicago	13	11	8	32
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Crawford (W,7-4	-0). Power pl	ays (goals-	
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Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	11	23	34
St. Louis, TB	11	23	34
Semin, Wash	18	14	32
D.Sedin, Vcr	14	17	31
Backstrom, Wash	11	19	30
B.Richards, Dal	11	19	30

GOLF

PGA TOUR Q-SCHOOL

p-Panther Lake Course (7,	223 yards; par-71—
35-36); c-Crooked Cat Cou	rse (7,493 vards;
par-72-36-36)	
Fifth Round	
Billy Mayfair	69-69-68-68-67-341
Ben Martin	66-68-67-69-71-341
Bio Kim	70-70-66-68-68-342
Will Strickler	72-69-67-68-68-344
William McGirt	69-72-68-66-69-344
Zack Miller	70-68-67-68-71-344
Cameron Tringale	69-67-69-69-71-345
Nate Smith	73-69-66-67-70-345
Gary Woodland	71-68-69-71-67-346
Michael Putnam	71-73-69-66-67-346
Brandt Jobe	72-65-71-69-69-346
Jarrod Lyle	70-68-71-67-70-346
Billy Horschel	70-72-66-68-70-346
Scott Stallings	71-71-67-65-72-346
James Driscoll	68-68-69-66-75-346
Camilo Benedetti	73-73-71-64-66-347
Matt McQuillan	70-67-72-72-66-347
Sunghoon Kang	68-67-71-71-70-347
Kent Jones	70-68-71-68-70-347
Jeff Quinney	74-65-69-69-70-347
Paul Stankowski	69-72-66-68-72-347
Joe Affrunti	74-70-66-70-68-348
Kyle Stanley	65-70-69-75-69-348
Michael Thompson	73-72-69-65-69-348
Ryan Armour	71-72-70-69-66—348
Justin Hicks	72-71-70-65-70-348
Richard S. Johnson	72-71-68-70-68-349
Carlos Franco	70-66-71-74-68-349
Jim Renner	72-68-73-69-67—349
Scott Gordon	70-70-67-71-71—349

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Luke Hickmott
Richard Lee
Josh Geary
Joseph Bramlett
Shawn Jasper
Danny Wax
Tommy Biershenk
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Jake Younan-Wise
Stephen Gangluff
Tyrone Van Aswegen
Michael Letzig
Dustin Garza
Seung Ho Lee
Sang-moon Bae
Briny Baird
Jon Mills
Aaron Watkins
Greg Owen 72-73-70-66-71-352 74-72-69-65-72-352 72-72-71-73-65-353 70-77-67-68-70-352 73-70-70-68-72-352 73-70-70-68-72-353 69-67-71-73-73-353 79-66-69-68-71-353 79-66-69-68-71-353 73-72-67-70-71-353 73-72-67-70-71-353 76-69-70-71-68-354

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David McKenzie LPGA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Orlando, Fla.

Alena Sharp, \$10,038

Par 72 Final Round Maria Hjorth, \$225,000 Amy Yang, \$137,860 In-Kyung Kim, \$88,686 Cristie Kerr, \$88,686 Na Yeon Choi, \$56,608 Laura Diaz, \$56,608 Mariajo Uribe, \$36,041 Beatriz Recari, \$36,041 72-68-71-72—283 67-70-73-74—284 73-73-70-70—286 71-71-71-73—286 73-71-73-70—287 74-71-69-73—287 73-70-76-71—290 Beatriz Recari, \$36,041 Angela Starford, \$36,041 Ilhee Lee, \$36,041 Sandra Gal, \$24,215 Suzann Pettersen, \$24,215 Song-Hee Kim, \$24,215 Song-Hee Kim, \$24,215 Morgan Pressel, \$24,215 Morgan Pressel, \$24,215 Katherine Hull, \$24,215 Milka Miyazato, \$18,416 Christina Kim, \$18,416 Heather Bowie Young, \$18,416 Sonn Hwal e. \$18,416 74-72-72-290
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yund 74-72-72-72-290 Seon Hwa Lee, \$18,416 Yani Tseng, \$16,756 Mina Harigae, \$11,397 Did Not Qualify for Final Round

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	(
d-Boston	16	4	.800	
d-Orlando	15	5	.750	
Atlanta	13	8	.619	3
Miami	13	8	.619	3
New York	12	9	.571	4
d-Chicago	10	8	.556	
Indiana	9	9	.500	
Toronto	8	12	.400	
Milwaukee	7	12	.368	8
Charlotte	7	13	.350	
Cleveland	7	13	.350	
Detroit	7	14	.333	9
Washington	6	13	.316	9
Philadelphia	6	14	.300	
New Jersey	6	15	.286	10
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	W	L	Pct	GE
d-San Antonio	17	3	.850	-
Dallas	16	4	.800	1
d-Utah	15	6	.714	21/
d-L.A. Lakers	14	6	.700	3
Denver	13	6	.684	31/
Oklahoma City	14	7	.667	31/
New Orleans	13	7	.650	4
Phoenix	11	9	.550	6
Portland	9	11	.450	8
Golden State	8	12	.400	9
Memphis	8	13	.381	9:/
Houston	7	13	.350	10
Minnesota	5	15	.250	12
Sacramento	4	14	.222	12
L.A. Clippers	4	17	.190	131/
d-division leader				

Vesterday's results
Boston 100, New Jersey 75
New York 116, Toronto 99
Detroit 102, Cleveland 92 Oklahoma City 114, Golden State 109 San Antonio 109, New Orleans 84 Denver 108, Memphis 107 Phoenix 125, Washington 108

Portland 100, L.A. Clippers 91 Saturday's results Miami 89, Atlanta 77 Philadelphia 109, Charlotte 91 Chicago 119, Houston 116, OT Minnesota 129, Cleveland 95 Milwaukee 96, Orlando 85 Dallas 105, Sacramento 103

Dallas 105, Sacramento 103
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miani at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Denver at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

KNICKS 116, RAPTORS 99 NEW YORK (116)

Chandler 8-14 2-2 21, Gallinari 2-7 0-0 6, Stoudemire 12-24 7-7 31, Felton 8-18 1-1 18, Fields 5-10 3-4 15, Douglas 2-7 1-2 5, Mozgov Telus 5-10 3-4 15, Douglas 2-7 1-2 3, Mozgov 1-24-5 6, Williams 5-6 0-0 14. Totals 43-88 18-21 116. TORONTO (99) Weems 2-8 0-0 4, Johnson 10-14 2-4 22,

Bargnani 8-19 0-0 16, Calderon 5-8 1-2 13, DeRozan 4-8 4-6 12, Davis 2-3 2-6 6, Barbosa 1-9 0-0 3, Kleiza 0-2 0-0 0, Bayless 8-16 2-4 23, Wright 0-0 0-0 0, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-87 11-22 99

33 27 22 34 116 18 32 25 24 99 33-Point Goals—New York 12-27 (Williams 4-4, Chandler 3-7 Fields 2-2 C ... 3-Point Goals—New York 12-27 (Williams 4-4, chandler 3-7, Fields 2-2, Gallinari 2-6, Felton 1-6, Douglas 0-2), Toronto 8-19 (Bayless 5-7, Calderon 2-3, Barbosa 1-5, Bargnani 0-4), Fouled Out-Hone, Rebounds—New York 51 (Stoudemire 16), Toronto 55 (Johnson 16). As-sists—New York 22 (Felton 8), Toronto 22 (Calderon, Bayless 6), Total Fouls—New York 13, Toronto 19. Technicals—Stoudemire, Toronto 46 persons three second A—16 881 Toronto defensive three second. A-16,891 (19,800) at Toronto

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with OF Jayson Werth on a seven-year

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK JETS—Signed WR Laveranues

HOCKEY

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Activated RW Joffrey Lupul from the long-term injury list. Assigned RW Dan Sexton to Syracuse (AHL). OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Bobby Butler from Binghamton (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled F Alexandre Bolduc from Manitoba (AHL).

SOCCER

ENGLAND

DDEMIED LEAGUE

PREMIER LE	ΑU	UE					
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Arsenal	16	10	2	4	34	18	32
Man United	15	8	7	0	35	16	31
Chelsea	16	9	3	4	30	11	30
Man City	16	8	5	3	21	12	29
Tottenham	16	7	5	4	24	21	26
Bolton	16	5	8	3	28	23	23
Sunderland	16	5	8	3	20	18	23
West Brom	16	6	4	6	23	27	22
Stoke	16	6	3	7	21	21	21
Blackburn	16	6	3	7	21	25	21
Newcastle	16	5	4	7	24	25	19
Liverpool	15	5	4	6	17	19	19
Blackpool	15	5	4	6	23	29	19
Birmingham	16	3	9	4	17	19	18
Everton	16	3	8	5	18	20	17
Aston Villa	15	4	5	6	17	24	17
Fulham	16	2	9	5	16	20	15
Wigan	16	3	6	7	13	28	15
Wolverhampton	16	3	3	10	17	30	12
West Ham	16	2	6	8	14	27	12
Yesterday's resu	lts						
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Sunderland 1 West Ham 0 West Bromwich Albion 3 Newcastle 1

FRANCE

LIGUE 1 Yesterday's result Lille 6 Lorient 3 Nice 1 Marseille 0 Paris Saint-Germain 3 Brest 1 Saint-Etienne 2 Bordeaux 2

GERMANY

RUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results Bayer Leverkusen 3 Cologne 2 Nuremberg 0 Borussia Dortmund 2

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results Catania 1 Juventus 3 Cesena 0 Bologna 2 Fiorentina 1 Cagliari 0 Lecce 1 Genoa 3 Parma 2 Udinese 1 Sampdoria 3 Bari 0

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results Almeria 1 Zaragoza 1 Espanyol 1 Sporting Gijon 0 Getafe 3 Mallorca 0 Malaga 4 Racing Santander 1 Real Sociedad 2 Athletic Bilbao 0 Villarreal 1 Sevilla 0

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
New England N.Y. Jets Miami Buffalo	9 9 6 2	2 2 6 10	0 0 0 0	Pct .818 .818 .500 .167	PF 334 264 215 243	PA 266 187 238 333
SOUTH						
Jacksonville Indianapolis Houston Tennessee	W 7 6 5 5	L 5 6 7 7	0 0 0 0	Pct .583 .500 .417 .417	PF 257 317 288 263	90 290 321 235
NORTH						
Pittsburgh Baltimore Cleveland Cincinnati	9 8 5 2	3 4 7 10	0 0 0 0	Pct .750 .667 .417 .167	PF 267 260 229 255	PA 191 201 239 322
WEST						
Kansas City Oakland San Diego Denver	8 6 6 3	4 6 6 9	T 0 0 0	Pct .667 .500 .500 .250	PF 295 283 323 256	PA 237 269 253 333

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	vv			PCC	PF	PF-
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
Washington	5	7	0	.417	222	293
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	294	336
SOUTH						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P/
Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	304	233
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	299	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	243	251
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	154	307
NORTH						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P/
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	246	192
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	303	182
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	278	306
WEST						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P/
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	240	289
St. Louis	6	6	0	.500	232	237
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	203	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	200	338

WEEK 13

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Yesterday's results
Atlanta 28 Tampa Bay 24
Chicago 24 Detroit 20
Cleveland 13 Miami 10
Dallas 38 Indianapolis 35 (0T)
Green Bay 34 San Francisco 11
Jacksonville 17 Tennessee 6
Kansas City 10 Denver 6
Minnesota 38 Buffalo 14
New Orleans 34 Cincinnati 30
N.Y. Glants 31 Washington 7
Oakland 28 San Diego 13
Seattle 31 Carolina 14
St. Louis 19 Arizona 6
Pittsburgh 13 Baltimore 10 Pittsburgh 13 Baltimore 10
Thursday's result Philadelphia 34 Houston 24 Tonight's game (All times Eastern) N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 14

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Thursday, Dec. 9
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 12
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
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St. Louis at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 4:15 p.m. New England at Chicago, 4:15 p.m. Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m. Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 13 Baltimore at Houston, 8:30 p.m.



Crossword

- 1 12-Down's network
- 4 Upper limb 7 Relaxation
- 11 Historic periods
- 13 Hawaiian neckwear
- 14 Mid-month date
- 15 Mischievous Norse
- aod
- 16 Remiss 17 Capricorn critter
- 18 Between, in verse
- 20 Oodles
- 22 Playground game
- 24 Rowling's Harry
- 28 Hedonistic fellow 32 Entire
- 33 Weaving device
- 34 Lummox
- 36 English river
- 37 "Little Orphan —"
- 39 Got ripe
- 41 Quite small
- 43 Tavern
- 44 "Once
- 46 Perfect
- 50 Cushiony 53 Youngster
- 55 Romeo (car)
- 56 Leg joint
- 57 out a living
- 58 Knitter's need
- 59 Deviates off course
- 60 Stitch 61 Affirmative action?

Down

- 1 Irishman, e.g.
- 2 Forehead
- 3 H.H. Munro pseudonym
- 4 Every last bit
- 5 Paper quantity

6 Confusion

7 9-to-5 shift, e.g.

30 Top-rated 35 "Great!"

33

40 Mai — (cocktail)

45 Sneaker brand

48 Frizzy hairdo

49 Settle to earth

50 Firmament

51 — budget

52 Not many

54 Morning moisture

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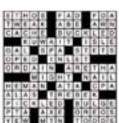
47 Verve

9 Red or Black 10 Superlative suffix

- 12 Andy Rooney's
- 19 Bill
- 21 Heifer's mom 23 Sticky stuff
- 25 Go sightseeing 26 Otherwise
- 27 Clarinet insert 28 Troop grp.
- 29 Unescorted
- 31 Sweet potato
- 38 Kreskin's claim

42 Draft animals' join-

➤ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

	8	5	9	4			7
	1	7					3
6			3				
6 9	6			5			
	4	1			9	5	
			8			3	6
				2			9
7					2	8	
7			1	6	7	4	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

Mumzey, after all those years, you are still my # one! Happy birthday. I C U.

Bubba I know this past month isn't the greatest but I want you to know, I will always love you. I fell in love with you the day I met you and that love has only grown stronger. I'm sorry for whatever it is I've done. The only thing I want is my baby. Without you, I am nothing. I really love you babe, please take me back! YOUR BABBA, XOXO

To My Baby Love, Wishing for an angel to come down to me, and then I met vou. You truely are the best girl I ever met and all the time we spent together i wouldn't trade for anything in the world. You mean everthing to me and I'd do anything for you, in short I just want to tell you I love you babes <3 YOUR NERD ROBERTO B :P

(BI)

A look at the weather

TODAY Min -16° Max -5°

TUESDAY Min -16° Max -5°

WEDNESDAY Min -12° XX: Max -5

Andrew Schultz. Meteorologist

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 6AM



Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20

With Mercury linked to Pluto today it may feel as if others have the upper hand, but that need not be the case. Your sense of powerlessness is largely in your mind.

Taurus April 21-May The planets will cause a conflict with someone you care about today. That may not sound like good news but deep down

you know it is time to bring

certain issues into the open

II Gemini May 22-June 21 The pressure has been building for quite some time and at some stage today it will reach boiling point. Whatever life throws at you over the next 24 hours just pick it up and throw

it back

G Cancer June 22-July 22 You can be somewhat stubborn when the mood takes you and with mind plant Mercury close to Pluto in your opposite sign you won't give way on anything today, no matter how petty or small.

 Leo July 23-Aug.23 No amount of compromise will solve the stalemate you find yourself in today, so all you can do is fight for what you believe and hope you come out on top.

MP Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Different people see things in different ways and if you can accept that today you won't have too many problems, either at home or at work. You may not like what some peoexpanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca ple believe in but agree to dis-

For today's crossword answers and for

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You must keep a sense of perspective today, especially where domestic issues are concerned, because if you allow annoying situations to get under your skin you may say or do something that makes things worse.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are sure to be assertive and ambitious today but don't come on so strong that you put people off.

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A money-making opportunity will come at you out of the blue today and hopefully you won't be too shocked to take advantage of

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Don't go back on a promise you made to a friend or loved one because you'll regret it if you do. Live up to your obliga-

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 What happens today may shock you a bit but you should have seen it coming. On the other hand it's unlikely to be as bad as it first looks

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You will finally discover what has been going on today and it won't be anywhere near as dreadful as you had imagined. SALLY BROMPTON



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